

**ARIZONA TRAUMA SYSTEM
QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT (AZTQ) COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

November 6, 2008

150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A

Members Present:

Marcia Barry (Vice Chair)	Philip Johnson
Ann Hoover	Jeff Farkas
Richard Porter	Charlann Staab
Michelle Guadnola	Jane Burney
*Kelly Silberschlag	*Victor Garcia
Linda Worthy	*Pam Goslar
*Michelle Ziemba	*Bill Ashland

Members Absent:

Brenda Sutton
Charles Allen (Chair)
Scott Petersen
Debbie Johnston

I. CALL TO ORDER

Marcia Barry, Vice Chair, called the regular meeting of the Arizona Trauma System Quality Assurance and System Improvement Committee to order at 8:40 a.m. A quorum was present. Kelly Silberschlag, Pam Goslar, Victor Garcia, Michelle Ziemba and Bill Ashland participated by conference call.

II. DISCUSSION and Action on September 18, 2008 Minutes

A motion was made by Richard Porter and seconded by Ann Hoover to approve the minutes of September 18, 2008 with one correction on page 3 – 3rd bullet point down change the word Designation to Program. **Motion carried.**

III. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ITEMS:

A. Bureau Chief – Terry Mullins reported:

- The Bureau has reorganized so that we now have all the employees working with data combined into one work team under Joel Bunis, Section Chief for Data and Quality Assurance.

B. Trauma System Section Chief – Vicki Conditt

1. Road Show – Update

- We have conducted road shows for Yavapai Regional Medical Center in Prescott and Wickenburg Community Hospital for Level IV trauma center designation. They went very well and we are hopeful that they will choose to follow through to become designated as Level IV trauma centers.

2. Trauma Center Designation – Update

- Level IV Designation
 - A Level IV site visit was conducted yesterday (November 5, 2008) at Banner Page Hospital in Page, Arizona.
 - We also have pending Level IV site visits for Cobre Valley Hospital in Globe and Northern Cochise Community Hospital in Willcox.
 - We just received an application for Little Colorado Hospital in Winslow.
 - Site reviews should be done by early January.

C. Data and Quality Assurance Section – Joel Bunis

1. Update/Discussion

- The EMS data base is currently being built.
- Any member of the public can request information through our website.
- If the data is needed as part of a study it has to go through our Human Subjects Review Board.
- The goal is to make the data more useful
- Requests from each region may be easier if they come from the Chairman to avoid duplication.

2. Golden Hour Reports – GCS/ISS

- Were not available at this time.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Arizona State Trauma Registry – Updates

1. TRUG Update

- The next TRUG Meeting is November 19, 2008. We are still in the process of cleaning up data and developing a validation tool to check the data before it is uploaded to the state.

2. Updated ASTR Data Submission Tracking Spreadsheet

- Members were provided with a table tracking hospital trauma data submission for 2008.

3. ASTR Data Reports -

1. Performance Measures Report

a. ATV's

- Members were provided with a table identifying ATV data.
 - There is a discrepancy between the E-codes and the patient position in the vehicle field.
- Anita asked for clarification regarding different types of other off-road Vehicles (sand rails, dune buggies, golf carts, etc.).
- Pam Goslar recommended looking at the ATV Safety website for a definition for ATV's.
- Pam Goslar stated she would e-mail the link for the website to Anita Ray Ng.
- It was recommended that the clarification of ATV's and other off-road vehicles be discussed at the next TRUG Meeting.

Item: ATV's - Clarification

Follow Up: TRUG Meeting

When: November 19, 2008

Who: Anita Ray Ng

- The Bureau is investigating the option of a web-based Trauma One® program.
- The EMS database is currently being test run and will serve as the model for the web-based Trauma One®.
- There will be a report coming back to AZTQ and STAB on the outcome of the EMS database.

b. Discharge Disposition and ISS by LOS among patients with ONE transfer

Item: Discharge Disposition and ISS by LOS among patients with ONE transfer
Follow Up: E-mail Report
When: Before the Next Meeting – January 22, 2009
Who: Joel Bunis

- Pam Goslar asked if the patient status prior to discharge could be included.
 - Joel Bunis stated that we could include the GCS at the referring facility.
 - Joel Bunis asked the committee if there was anything else that they would like to see included in the data.
 - In order for this to be of value it has to be trended so the next report will be more useful.
 - A question was asked whether organ donation is affecting the LOS.
 - As more and more Level IV trauma centers come on board the more we can break down the data.
- Some of the recommendations that were made for the next data reports:
 - We include final diagnosis codes.
 - We include why the patients are being transferred for additional care.
 - We start looking at organ donors in the next set of rule changes.
 - We clarify with institutions the timing in the registry when a patient is pronounced dead. The record may reflect an increase in LOS because the patient remains on life support pending organ harvest.

Item: Clarification of pronouncement - pending organ donation/harvest
Follow Up: TRUG Meeting
When: November 19, 2008
Who: Anita Ray Ng

A motion was made by Linda Worthy and seconded by Ann Hoover that AZTQ Committee enters into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. to review confidential trauma registry data as authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2). **Motion carried.** All guests present at the meeting were asked to leave the room.

- Regular session reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No discussion brought forward from the public.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

No discussion.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next AZTQ meeting will be held on January 22, 2009.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Approved by: AZTQ Committee

Date: January 22, 2009